

## CLAIMS

1. A method for providing an electronic editor tool for an on-line educational system, comprising:
  - providing on-line content concerning educational materials for a particular educational course;
  - providing on-line an electronic syllabus for the educational course, the syllabus identifying units, assignments, and educational materials for the educational course;
  - selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content; and
  - automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes:
  - receiving on-line a request from a user to edit the content;
  - verifying the user; and
  - permitting the user to edit the content based upon the verifying.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes:
  - receiving a request to edit a particular feature in the content; and
  - retrieving and displaying the particular feature for editing.

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4. The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes retrieving and displaying a default template for editing based upon the content.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes retrieving default content for use in on-line editing of the content.
6. The method of claim 5, further including automatically rendering the default content for a particular portion of the content.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the permitting step includes retrieving default styles for use in on-line editing of the content.
8. The method of claim 1, further including:
  - displaying tabs identifying portions of the content;
  - selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content via selection of the tabs;
  - and
  - automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.
9. The method of claim 8, further including retrieving and displaying an identification of default content based upon the selected tab.

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10. The method of claim 8, further including retrieving and displaying an identification of a default style based upon the selected tab.

11. An apparatus for providing an electronic editor tool for an on-line educational system, comprising:

    a content module for providing on-line content concerning educational materials for a particular educational course;

    a syllabus module for providing on-line an electronic syllabus for the educational course, the syllabus identifying units, assignments, and educational materials for the educational course;

    an edit module for selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content; and

    an implementation module for automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.

12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes:

    a request module for receiving on-line a request from a user to edit the content;

    a verification module for verifying the user; and

    a module for permitting the user to edit the content based upon the verification.

13. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes:

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a request module for receiving a request to edit a particular feature in the content; and

a retrieve module for retrieving and displaying the particular feature for editing.

14. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes a module for retrieving and displaying a default template for editing based upon the content.

15. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes a module for retrieving default content for use in on-line editing of the content.

16. The apparatus of claim 15, further including a module for automatically rendering the default content for a particular portion of the content.

17. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the edit module includes a module for retrieving default styles for use in on-line editing of the content.

18. The apparatus of claim 11, further including:

a module for displaying tabs identifying portions of the content;

a module for selectively permitting users on-line to edit the content via selection of the tabs; and

a module for automatically implementing the on-line editing to the content for subsequent display.

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19. The apparatus of claim 18, further including a module for retrieving and displaying an identification of default content based upon the selected tab.

20. The apparatus of claim 18, further including a module for retrieving and displaying an identification of a default style based upon the selected tab.